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THE SECRETARY

April 10, 2014

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

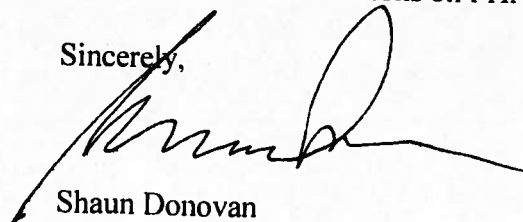
Following up on our conversation, I am writing in connection with your letter to the Senate President on April 1, 2014, announcing your intention to object to any unanimous consent request at the present time relating to the nomination of Dr. Katherine O'Regan to serve as Assistant Secretary for Policy, Development and Research.

I understand that your specific objection is not related to Dr. O'Regan, but rather to your letter from February 14, 2014, regarding the collection of Public Housing Authority (PHA) salary and compensation data for calendar year 2013. As noted in the March 24, 2014, response to your letter, the Department received responses to the survey from over 99 percent of the more than 4,000 PHAs in the country, which were due February 28, 2014. Please note that the approximately 4,000 PHAs nationwide that responded to the survey include PHAs that administer both public housing and Section 8 programs as well as PHAs that administer only Section 8 programs. I want to assure you that my staff is in the process of validating this data to ensure both its accuracy and consistency and that the Department will not only share this data with you, but also make this data available to the public in a searchable, standard electronic format, as you requested.

At this time, my staff has validated data submissions from approximately 1,600 PHAs and Public and Indian Housing program staff have indicated that they expect to be able to complete validation of the remainder of the PHA submissions by May 16, 2014. I assure you that the Department will share the complete list of validated data at that time as well as publish the data on HUD's website.

Thank you for your continued interest in ensuring that federal taxpayer dollars are expended judiciously and that PHAs comply with recently enacted federal limitations on PHA executive pay.

Sincerely,



Shaun Donovan